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CENTO, NATO WARY OF SOVIET POLICY

ANNCR: SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER RETURNS (HAS RETURNED) TO WASHINGTON TODAY (THURSDAY) AFTER AN EXTENDED VISIT TO WESTERN EUROPE. NEWS ANALYST FRED GALVAN EXAMINES TWO MAJOR EVENTS OF THAT TOUR.

VOICE: SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD TWO FORMAL OPPORTUNITIES TO VOICE AMERICAN POLICY -- AT THE MINISTERIAL MEETINGS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION AND THE CENTRAL TREATY ORGANIZATION. THE SPEECHES DELIVERED BY PARTICIPANTS--INCLUDING MISTER KISSINGER -- AT BOTH MEETINGS REVEALED A CERTAIN WARINESS AS TO SOVIET INTENTIONS IN EUROPE, AFRICA AND THE PERSIAN GULF.

AT THE JUST-CONCLUDED CENTO MEETING, THE NEW BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, ANTHONY CROSSLAND, TOLD THE ORGANIZATION THAT THE SOVIET UNION HOLDS A NARROW VIEW OF ITS AVOWED POLICY OF RELAXING WORLD TENSIONS. IN AN UNUSUALLY HARSH STATEMENT, MISTER CROSSLAND SAID THE SOVIET UNION IS MANIPULATING DETENTE TO PUSH ITS OWN GOALS IN THE IDEOLOGICAL COMPETITION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. AND THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY CHARGED THAT MOSCOW HAS IGNORED--AS HE PUT IT--"THE FREE EXCHANGE OF PEOPLE AND IDEAS, WHICH WE REGARD AS THE BASIS OF GENUINE DETENTE."

AND MISTER CROSSLAND EMPHASIZED THAT THE CONTINUING CREDIBILITY OF DETENTE DEPENDS ON THE RESTRAINT AND RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL NATIONS IN THEIR APPROACH TO CRISES SUCH AS ANGOLA.

IN HIS OWN ADDRESS TO THE CENTO MINISTERS, SECRETARY KISSINGER ALSO UNDERLINED THE NEED FOR RESTRAINT IN THE CONDUCT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PARTICULARLY BY THE NUCLEAR POWERS.

AS HE PUT IT--"THEY OWE IT NOT ONLY TO THEIR OWN PEOPLE BUT TO MANKIND." EXPANDING ON THIS THEME, WHICH HE HAS SOUNDED REPEATEDLY IN RECENT MONTHS, MISTER KISSINGER ADDED THAT THIS IS WHY THE UNITED STATES CANNOT ACCEPT SELECTIVE RELAXATION OF TENSIONS. HE SAID: "PEACE IS INDIVISIBLE. CLAIMS TO COEXISTENCE IN ONE PART OF THE WORLD CANNOT BE COUPLED WITH DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT IN ANOTHER."

CENTO MINISTERS ALSO EXPRESSED MISGIVING OVER RECENT SOVIET POLICY DEVELOPMENTS. IRAN'S FOREIGN MINISTER (ABBAS ALI) KHALATBARY, FOR INSTANCE, WARNED AGAINST ANY COMMUNIST INTERVENTION IN THE PERSIAN GULF AREA, SUCH AS RECENTLY OCCURED IN AFRICA.

THE CENTO COMMUNIQUE MAKES THE POINT THAT SECURITY IN THE CENTO AREA IS--IN ITS WORDS--"AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN EUROPEAN SECURITY." IT ALSO CALLS FOR RENEWED EFFORTS TOWARD A SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST -- A SITUATION THE COMMUNIQUE CALLS A "GRAVE THREAT TO WORLD PEACE."

THE THEME THAT PEACE IN ONE AREA DEPENDS ON PEACE IN ANOTHER IS ALSO STRESSED IN LAST WEEK'S NATO COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN OSLO. THAT DOCUMENT EMPHASIZED THAT RELAXATION OF TENSIONS MUST BE A TWO-WAY STREET IF IT IS TO SUCCEED--THAT ALL NATIONS MUST EXERCISE RESTRAINT.

IN SUM, THOUGH, WHAT BOTH COMMUNIQUES SUGGEST IS THAT AS LONG AS THERE IS EVIDENCE OF A LACK OF SUCH RESTRAINT BY SOME NATIONS, THE NEED FOR BOTH ALLIANCES IS EVIDENT. AS MISTER CROSSLAND IMPLIED, THE VERY EXISTENCE OF SUCH ALLIANCES AS CENTO AND NATO HELPS INSURE THE EXISTENCE OF DETENTE.

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